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SUB: INCREASED PRODUCER PRICES OF COCOA AND COTTON

1. THE AUGUST 21, 1974 EDITIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED "DAILY GRAPHI" AND "GHANAIAN TIEMS" REPORTED INCREASES IN PRODUCER PRICES OF COCOA FROM CEDIS 12 TO CEDIS 15 PER 60 LB. LOAD AND OF COTTON FROM 8 PESEWAS TO 35 PESEWAS PER POUND. THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME THE PRICE OF COCOA HAD BEEN INCREASED SINCE 1972, THE PAPERS NOTED. EDITORIALS STRESSED GOVERNMENT'S DEEP CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF THE FARMERS (GHANAIAN TIMES), AND HOPE HIGHER PRICES WOULD ENCOURAGE INCREASED COCOA PRODUCTION AND STIMULATE MORE FARMERS TO GROW COTTON (DAILY GRAPHIC). THE GOG HAS BEEN MAKING EFFORT RECENTLY TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT IN COTTON.

2. COMMENT: THE GOG HAS BEEN SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM THAT COCOA FARMERS WERE RECEIVING AN UNFAIR SHARE OF CURRENT HIGH COCOA PRICES. AT INTERNATIONAL COCOA DAY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, GHANA'S HEAD OF STATE COL. I.K. ACHEAMPONG UNCLASSIFIED

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PROMISED CONSTANT REVIEW OF PRICES FARMERS RECEIVED FOR

THEIR COCOA.  
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